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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0213

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, AS

SUBJ: DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON AUSTRALIAN TARIFF

HEARINGS: RESTRICTIONS ON WHISKEY IMPORTS

REF: A. STATE 48870 B. CANBERRA 1327 C. 76 CANBERRA 7624

1. EMBASSY ROUTINELY TRANSMITS TO DEPARTMENT NOTICE OF HEARINGS BEING CONDUCTED BY AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ON POSSIBLE IMPOSITION OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS. REFERENCES B AND C, DEALING WITH WHISKEY, GIN AND VODKA, ARE EXAMPLES.

2. IN MOST INSTANCES THESE HEARINGS ARE OF LITTLE CONSEQUENCE TO U.S. INDUSTRY BECAUSE OF LIMITED VOLUME OF U.S. EXPORTS. IN A FEW INSTANCES, HOWEVER, INTEREST OF SUBSTANTIAL, AS EVIDENCED BY REF A AND SUBSEQUENT MESSAGES.

3. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO SOLICIT DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS AS TO WHETHER IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR EMBASSY TO FLAG IN SOME PARTICULAR FASHION THOSE HEARINGS WHICH DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CALL TO ATTENTION OF U.S. INDUSTRY. IT WOULD, FOR INSTANCE, BE POSSIBLE TO ARBITRARILY AGREE THAT THERE IS LIKELY TO BE SUBSTANTIAL U.S. INDUSTRY INTEREST WHENEVER IMPORT VALUE EXCEEDS \$1 MILLION OR 25 PERCENT OF TOTAL IMPORTS. WOULD IT IN SUCH CASES BE USEFUL FOR EMBASSY TO

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SLUG MESSAGE FOR PARTICULAR OFFICE AND/OR FOR COMMERCE, OR TO ADD LINE SUGGESTING THAT INFORMATION BE PASSED TO INDUSTRY OR INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION?

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